

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

June 5th, 2016

“The LORD shall preserve
you from all evil; HE shall
preserve your soul”

(PSALM 121:7)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Marcella Borders - 5th, Darren Wolf - 8th, James Hicks - 11th

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“Godliness is living for GOD. Godliness is devotion to CHRIST. It can never be measured, recognized, or understood by the ungodly.”

PASTOR **DON FORTNER**

CLOTHED IN CHRIST

“...OF HIM ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS...” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30)

We read in 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 30 “...of HIM are ye in CHRIST JESUS...” What does this mean? It is the same gospel report that we read in type and shadow in Genesis chapter 3 verse 21, “...the LORD GOD [made] coats of skins, and clothed them.” This verse testifies of the Gospel of CHRIST. It testifies that salvation is of the LORD—all of it.

So how is it that Adam and Eve found themselves dressed in these coats of skin? GOD both made and clothed Adam and Eve in these coats of skin.

These coats of skin represent the “...wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” of CHRIST JESUS our LORD and SAVIOUR. This is the glorious Gospel of our salvation; that our LORD and REDEEMER, as our substitute, the spotless LAMB of

GOD, who knew no sin—was *made* sin for us, that we might be *made* the righteous of GOD in CHRIST.

The scriptures declare that our HEAVENLY FATHER “...hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in [CHRIST].” (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

Just as surely as GOD clothed Adam and Eve, beloved of GOD “...are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30)

So then believer, how is it that you have been made wise unto salvation? CHRIST.

How is it that you have been made righteous? CHRIST.

How is it that you have been sanctified? CHRIST.

How is it that you have been redeemed? CHRIST.

Beloved, you have been—saved by CHRIST, your all and in all.

Believer, you have been justified freely, without any cause found in yourself, rather the reason why you are saved is only found in the sovereign pleasure of GOD, who according to HIS grace, purposed to save us in CHRIST JESUS before the foundation of the world. (2 TIMOTHY 1:9)

The reason why Adam and Eve were found clothed in these coats of skin; is the same reason why you who believe on CHRIST are found clothed in HIM.

You see, salvation is GOD providing for you in CHRIST, not you providing for yourself. Salvation is GOD covering you in CHRIST, not you covering yourself.

If you are in CHRIST, saved by HIS blessed person and finished saving work, you are found in HIM according to the good pleasure of our HEAVENLY FATHER’s will—not yours

Salvation is GOD’s provision for sinners in CHRIST, not ours; and HE who provides theses garments of salvation is the ONE who graciously dresses us in them, and makes them to be ours.

Beloved, of GOD are ye in CHRIST JESUS, who of GOD is made unto us *wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. Salvation is (from its very beginning to its conclusion in glory) of the LORD. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31, JONAH 2:9)

THE LORD IS THY KEEPER

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[Beloved,] Sweet and precious indeed to all his people is this assurance! *The Lord is thy keeper!* ...It is [our God as a covenant-God] which keeps [His people] in the faith; keeps them in the hour of temptation; keeps them from the power of the enemy,—from a thousand unseen, and as many visible evils,—from finally falling, and from eternal death!—and though he hath no where promised to keep his people from tribulation, or persecution, or the strife and slander of tongues,—from sickness, or sorrow or the like,—yet he hath promised, that “no weapon formed against them shall prosper,—no temptation shall take them, from which he will not make a way for them to escape. *He will bruise Satan under their feet shortly.*” (ISAIAH 54:17, 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, ROMANS 16:20) Oh, the blessed privilege of those who have the Lord for their keeper!

An excerpt from the book “Zion’s Pilgrim” available for download at PurposedGrace.org
PASTOR ROBERT HAWKER

Beloved, “we are kept by the power of GOD through faith” the faith, the uprightness, and faithfulness of HIM who’s joy it is to present us faultless before the presence of HIS glory.

(1 PETER 1:5, JUDE 1:24)

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... THE MESSAGE OF THE Book OF GENESIS

...GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB (GENESIS 22:8, 14)

Substitution is typified in the entire Book of Genesis, and clearly declared by Abraham in his response to the question of his son Isaac upon the mount of sacrifice. (GENESIS 22:8, 14)

Our great GOD always accomplishes HIS great purpose of grace. Nothing can stay HIS hand. All things are instruments in the hands of GOD to do as HE pleases. The fall of Adam did not take GOD by surprise, rather it opened the way for the redemption by CHRIST.

This is the message of the Book of Genesis. Man without CHRIST is totally sinful, without help, inadequate, useless, and vain. But, blessed be GOD, in CHRIST our GOD and SAVIOUR, there is infinite mercy, love, and grace for our immortal souls.

An excerpt from the Spanish book “Un Paseo De La Santa Biblia / Voyage of the Holy Bible”
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